

THE PROBLEM :

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Turkeys are all across the state. The mating season is starting in March. Every year there is more and more hunters. I feel we could have a safer and more successful hunt if we start the turkey season the last Wednesday in March. This would give the hunters about 2 more weeks of hunting. It would be a good way to help spread out the season and it would be better to start earlier than go into June. It would avoid hunting around the Memorial Day Holiday. I would recommend that the would still be the same 5 day seasons Wednesday - Sunday with a break on Monday and Tuesday. This would help reduce the hunting pressure in the field.

There is an abundant population and every year more and more hunters. This will make it a safer hunt with more opportunities.

Currently we have turkey hunting state wide with 6 seasons this would change to 8 seasons.

Spring turkey hunting will not hurt the population and we should have many years of great hunting just more opportunities.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Jefferson County on April 10th, 2006, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes allowing the spring turkey hunting season changes.

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